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SENATE BILL

No. 2013

**Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services
(Senators Escutia (Chair), Figueroa, Hughes, Polanco,
Solis, and Vasconcellos)**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bock)

February 25, 2000

An act to add Section 18901.8 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to food stamps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2013, as amended, Committee on Health and Human Services. Food Stamp Program: application form.

Existing law provides for the Food Stamp Program, under which each county distributes food stamps allocated to this state by the federal government to eligible households.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services, in conjunction with affected stakeholder groups, and subject to federal approval, to develop and implement a simplified ~~shortened Food Stamp Program~~ and shorter application form for nonassistance food stamp cases. It would require the form to be evaluated for use in specified multiprogram applications.

The bill would prohibit the department from requiring any county to implement use of the simplified form until a ~~statewide automated welfare system prescribed by law has~~

~~been programmed to automate the form and the intake process the county has been allowed sufficient time to reprogram its automated systems for the purpose of implementing the form.~~

~~The bill would also require the department by July 1, 2001, to complete the simplified form and report to the Legislature regarding its progress in implementing the form to provide information on implementation, including a simplified form, to the appropriate legislative committees on or before July 1, 2001.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18901.8 is added to the Welfare
2 and Institutions Code, to read:

3 18901.8. (a) To the extent permitted by federal law,
4 and with receipt of necessary federal approvals, the State
5 Department of Social Services, in conjunction with
6 affected stakeholder groups, shall develop and
7 implement, if otherwise feasible, a simplified and shorter
8 application form for nonassistance food stamp cases. The
9 contents of this simpler form shall be evaluated for use in
10 multiprogram application forms for the food stamp,
11 Medi-Cal, and CalWORKs programs. The department
12 shall seek any federal approvals necessary for
13 implementation of the form.

14 (b) The department shall not require any county to
15 implement use of the form described in subdivision (a)
16 ~~until the statewide automated welfare system described~~
17 ~~in Section 10823 has been programmed to automate the~~
18 ~~new form and intake process.~~

19 ~~(c) The department shall, by July 1, 2001, complete the~~
20 ~~simplified form required by subdivision (a) and report to~~
21 ~~the Legislature regarding its progress in implementing~~
22 ~~the form. until the county has been allowed sufficient~~
23 ~~time to reprogram its automated systems for the purpose~~
24 ~~of implementing the form.~~

1 (c) *The department shall provide information on*
2 *implementation, including a simplified form, to the*
3 *appropriate legislative committees on or before July 1,*
4 *2001.*

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